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## Purpose of checklist:

Governmental agencies use this checklist to help determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant. This information is also helpful to determine if available avoidance, minimization or compensatory mitigation measures will address the probable significant impacts or if an environmental impact statement will be prepared to further analyze the proposal.

## Instructions for applicants: [help]

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Please answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. You may need to consult with an agency specialist or private consultant for some questions. You may use "not applicable" or "does not apply" only when you can explain why it does not apply and not when the answer is unknown. You may also attach or incorporate by reference additional studies reports. Complete and accurate answers to these questions often avoid delays with the SEPA process as well as later in the decision-making process.

The checklist questions apply to <u>all parts of your proposal</u>, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

## Instructions for Lead Agencies:

Additional information may be necessary to evaluate the existing environment, all interrelated aspects of the proposal and an analysis of adverse impacts. The checklist is considered the first but not necessarily the only source of information needed to make an adequate threshold determination. Once a threshold determination is made, the lead agency is responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the checklist and other supporting documents.

## Use of checklist for nonproject proposals: [help]

For nonproject proposals (such as ordinances, regulations, plans and programs), complete the applicable parts of sections A and B plus the <u>SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D)</u>. Please completely answer all questions that apply and note that the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proponent," and "affected geographic area," respectively. The lead agency may exclude (for non-projects) questions in Part B - Environmental Elements –that do not contribute meaningfully to the analysis of the proposal.

- A. BACKGROUND [help]
- 1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: [help]

Blade RV

2. Name of applicant: [help]

3M Finance & Leasing LLC

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: [help]

1100 Freeway Drive Mount Vernon, WA 98273

4. Date checklist prepared: [help]

9/28/2016

5. Agency requesting checklist: [help]

City of Mount Vernon

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): [help]

Construction will begin as soon as permit is ready.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain. [help]

All additions and construction related to this proposal will be built concurrently, no phasing

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal. [help]

Environmental information will be prepared as requested by the City of Mount Vernon.

 Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain. [help]

None.

- 10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known. [help]
  A Shoreline Permit, SEPA Review, and a Building Permit will be required.
- 11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.) [help]

The site is approximately 100,000 sf and currently has three buildings on it. The proposed use will be for an RV retail store and service buildings for the maintenance and repair of RV's. Our proposal is to build an addition of an covered service bay against the existing retail store. There is an existing pole building that will be removed and reconstructed in place for RV maintenance. It will have a 5' extension on one side from its current size. This building is currently 2,400 sf and the proposed building is 2,700 sf. The covered service bay will be 1,760 sf.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist. [help]

The site location is along Freeway Drive at the old Valley Farm Center. It is just north of down town Mount Vernon, directly to the south of Lions Park. 305 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 – Parcel # 26644.

## B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS [help]

## 1. Earth

a.General (	description of the site [help]
(circle one):	Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous
other	

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? 3% generally flat
- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any agricultural land of long-term commercial significance and whether the proposal results in removing any of these soils.

Uknown, the site is 93% asphalt paving. Existing landscape beds indicate sandy material.

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

There is nothing visible that would indicate a history of unstable soils. The current asphalt paving does not show signs of upheaving or settling.

e. Describe the purpose, type, total area, and approximate quantities and total affected area of any filling, excavation, and grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

At the existing pole building, there will be minimal excavation restricted to a construction boundary within a few feet of the perimeter of the building to dig for new footings. Excavated materials will be roughly 90 yards and will consist of removing the existing slab and a few inches of top soil to prep for new slab base and new slab. The service bay will have a post foundation system, so there will be (6) 36" diameter holes dug for post footings. The source fill will be Lakeside or equal.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

  Erosion is not likely to occur due to the site conditions, slope, and existing surfaces, however, erosion protection measures will be implemented to limit impacts. For instance, soil stockpiles will be covered and fenced with erosion fencing.
- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

The site is currently 93% covered by buildings and asphalt paving. Our proposal does not worsen this condition. Lot coverage by building or structure is 15%.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a> Temporary Sediment and Erosion Controls (TESC) best practices will be followed.

## 2. Air

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal during construction, operation, and maintenance when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

During construction, there is a potential of exhaust fumes from trucks and equipment. The amounts would be minimal and controlled by required automotive emissions standards. There is no potential of emissions during operation or maintenance of the building after construction is completed.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

There are no known or apparent off-site sources of emissions associated with this project.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

There are no measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air as there are no anticipated impacts to it. If during construction it is found that there are impacts, then measures will be taken to limit or reduce them.

## 3. Water

- a. Surface Water: [help]
- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into. [help] Yes, the Skagit River is adjacent to the site. It flows into the ocean south of La Conner into Skagit Bay.
- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans. [help]
  Yes. The proposal to remove and rebuild the pole building into a service bay is within 200' of the Skagit River. Please see the include site plan.
  - 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material. There will be no fill or dredge material on or from the surface water.
  - 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. <a href="[help]">[help]</a>
    No it will not.
- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan. Yes, the site lies within the 100-year floodplain per the Skagit County website and the FEMA Q3 100 Year Flood Map.
  - 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge. [help]
    No. There are no discharges of any kind.

## b. Ground Water:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn from a well for drinking water or other purposes? If so, give a general description of the well, proposed uses and approximate quantities withdrawn from the well. Will water be discharged to groundwater? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known. [help]
  No.
- 2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . .; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve. [help]
  None
- c. Water runoff (including stormwater):
- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe. [help]
  There is not anticipated to be new stormwater runoff generated. However, stormwater from the roof will be collected via gutters and will be routed to tie into the existing public stormwater system. The roof system is a clean roof system comprised of a metal roof as opposed to an asphalt or oil based roof that can contaminate stormwater.
  - 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe. [help] There is not expected to be any waste materials that could enter ground or surface waters.
  - 3) Does the proposal alter or otherwise affect drainage patterns in the vicinity of the site? If so, describe.

No, the proposed project does not affect existing drainage patterns. The proposed building is a replacement building and will not adversely affect site conditions or drainage.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water, and drainage pattern impacts, if any:

The proposed building is a replacement building, it sits at the same elevation and site with little to no disturbance of surrounding soils, paving, or drainage routes so there is anticipated to be no impacts.

#### 4. Plants [help]

<ul> <li>a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site: [hel</li> </ul>		
	deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, otherevergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, othershrubsgrasspasturecrop or grain	
	Orchards, vinevards or other permanent crops	

wet s	oil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, othe	Эr
water	olants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other	
other	ypes of vegetation	

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered? [help]

No vegetation will be removed or altered.

c. List threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [help]

There are no known endangered species on the site, but Bald Eagles do fly overhead and there are salmon in the Skagit River adjacent to the site as well as Bull Trout.

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

This proposal does not include new or enhancement of landscaping or vegetation on site. The site is primarily a high traffic, asphalt base. There are landscape strips along Freeway Drive with shrubs and deciduous trees that are to remain. Construction is 150'+ from these areas.

e. List all noxious weeds and invasive species known to be on or near the site.

There are no known noxious weeds or invasive species on site, but if it becomes known, they will be removed and replaced with native vegetation. The site is currently maintained by a professional landscape company who maintains the grounds.

## 5. Animals

a. <u>List</u> any birds and <u>other</u> animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site. Examples include: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other \_\_\_\_\_

b. List any threatened and endangered species known to be on or near the site. [help]

There are no nesting Eagles on the site, but Eagles do fly overhead as is natural and expected.

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain. [help]

Most of the Skagit Valley is a migration route for migratory birds such as snow geese and migratory birds have been seen flying in the vicinity as is expected, but the proposed project would not impede or endanger migratory animals from their natural path.

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>
There are currently no measures to preserve or enhance wildlife.

e. List any invasive animal species known to be on or near the site.

There are no known invasive animal species to be known to be on the site. There is a potential for rats due to the proximity to water. If there are any species to be found to be invasive or dangerous, we will absolutely let the authorities know.

## 6. Energy and natural resources

 a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc. [help]

Electricity provided by Puget Sound Energy is currently being used and will be used for the proposed buildings for lighting and energy needs. An option to use Cascade Natural Gas for heating is being considered, otherwise, PSE will be used for heat as well.

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe. <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

No, the location of the project does not hinder current or future users of solar energy systems.

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

The project will use energy efficient lighting and will incorporate energy savings components such as high performance insulation, windows and doors.

#### 7. Environmental health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk
  of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal?
  If so, describe. [help]
- 1) Describe any known or possible contamination at the site from present or past uses.

  There are no present possibilities of contamination at the site. It is currently unknown as to whether there was a history of contamination, such as an old gas station and buried tanks, but if it becomes known, we will update this report and report our findings to the building officials.
  - 2) Describe existing hazardous chemicals/conditions that might affect project development and design. This includes underground hazardous liquid and gas transmission pipelines located within the project area and in the vicinity.

There is currently Cascade Natural Gas piped to the site for heating uses. These lines will be located and marked prior to excavation work.

3) Describe any toxic or hazardous chemicals that might be stored, used, or produced during the project's development or construction, or at any time during the operating life of the project. There are toxic or hazardous chemicals that would be stored during or as a result of this project.

- 4) Describe special emergency services that might be required. The proposal is a replacement building that would not require any special emergency services during construction or during normal operation once complete.
- 5) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:
  There are currently no known environmental health hazards and as such no measures to control any.

#### b. Noise

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)? [help]

Freeway Drive is the main arterial and access to the site. The traffic noise does not have impact to our project.

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site. [help]

There is a minimal level of noise that would be created while servicing RV's. The service building is located more than 150' from Freeway Drive so impact to the public street would be very little to none.

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any: [help]

The proposed building will be an enclosed building (insulated walls) with overhead garage doors. The current building does not have doors, thus has a higher chance of noise impacts, but once again, the proximity of the service building from the public street reduces any noise impacts to little to none.

#### 8. Land and shoreline use

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties? Will the proposal affect current land uses on nearby or adjacent properties? If so, describe. <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

The current use of the site is for RV maintenance, repair, and RV retail store. Adjacent properties are parking lots, park, and office building. The proposed project will not impact current uses or adjacent properties.

b. Has the project site been used as working farmlands or working forest lands? If so, describe. How much agricultural or forest land of long-term commercial significance will be converted to other uses as a result of the proposal, if any? If resource lands have not been designated, how many acres in farmland or forest land tax status will be converted to nonfarm or nonforest use?

No.

1) Will the proposal affect or be affected by surrounding working farm or forest land normal business operations, such as oversize equipment access, the application of pesticides, tilling, and harvesting? If so, how:

No, there is none.

c. Describe any structures on the site. [help]

There are currently three buildings: A retail store and two service buildings.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what? [help]

Yes, an existing pole building previously used for hay storage will be removed and this proposal is to replace it with a metal fabricated structure for RV maintenance use.

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site? [help]

Current zoning is M-1, Light Manufacturing and Commercial District.

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site? [help]

Commercial/Industrial (M-1 or M-2)(C-2)

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site? [help] Urban Mixed-Use

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as a critical area by the city or county? If so, specify. No.
- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project? [help]

  For the proposed, approximately two people would work in the completed building, this number could go up or down depending on economics and success of the business.
- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace? [help]

  None. The project would create new jobs, not displace any.
- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>
  None. The project would create new jobs, not displace any.
- L. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any: <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

The current land use is compatible with the proposed project as it is a commercial building within a commercial use zone.

m. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with nearby agricultural and forest lands of long-term commercial significance, if any:

There are no nearby agricultural or forest lands of long-term commercial significance. The closest agricultural land is over a mile away.

## 9. Housing

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [help]

Housing is not associated with this proposal.

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing. [help]

No housing units will be eliminated as there are none on site.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any: [help]

No measures are provided as this proposed project does not impact housing.

#### 10. Aesthetics

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed? <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

The tallest point of the proposed structure is 22'

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed? [help]

No views would be altered or obstructed as this is a replacement building. There are also no views to be had considering the site is surrounded by fencing and is in a commercial/light manufacturing zone.

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any: [help]

The aesthetics of the building will be improved as the proposed building will be of low maintenance, high durability materials of steel and concrete. The style is consistent with other buildings currently on site.

## 11. Light and glare

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur? [help]

All new exterior building lighting will be downward facing lamps with daylight timers for energy efficiency. Interior lighting is currently planned to be LED low bay light fixtures. Operation of lighting will be limited to normal working hours.

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views? [help]

There are no manufactured components on site that would interfere with views or a view hazard.

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal? [help]

There are no concerns of off-site sources of light or glare that could affect this proposal.

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any: [help]

We will use downward facing lamps at the building exterior for new lighting on daylight timers and controls.

#### 12. Recreation

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity? [help]

Lion's Park, an outdoor play and picnic area is directly adjacent to the North

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe. [help]
- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any: [help]

There are no measures to reduce or control impacts as there are no current impacts to recreation caused by this proposal.

- 13. Historic and cultural preservation U/A per 2016-11-07838 record
- a. Are there any buildings, structures, or sites, located on or near the site that are over 45 years old listed in or eligible for listing in national, state, or local preservation registers located on or near the site? If so, specifically describe. [help]

The closest buildings known to be historic are the President Hotel building and the Lincoln Theater building downtown Mount Vernon, about .25 miles away

b. Are there any landmarks, features, or other evidence of Indian or historic use or occupation? This may include human burials or old cemeteries. Are there any material evidence, artifacts, or areas of cultural importance on or near the site? Please list any professional studies conducted at the site to identify such resources. [help]

To our knowledge, no studies have been conducted regarding artifacts. The location of our proposed building occurs at a location of a current building. Although unlikely, excavators will notify the official of any potential artifact found.

c. Describe the methods used to assess the potential impacts to cultural and historic resources on or near the project site. Examples include consultation with tribes and the department of archeology and historic preservation, archaeological surveys, historic maps, GIS data, etc. [help]

As part of the application process, a Cultural Resources Assessment will be performed.

d. Proposed measures to avoid, minimize, or compensate for loss, changes to, and disturbance to resources. Please include plans for the above and any permits that may be required.

Proposed measures to avoid disturbance to resources will be to limit the excavation and disturbance area to a tight perimeter around the proposed area of construction. The excavator will be instructed to look for any unique conditions and disturbances that might reveal artifacts. If found, an archeologist will be called in to determine significance.

## 14. Transportation

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site or affected geographic area and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any. [help]

The public access is directly from Freeway Drive. There are no other public access points. See Site Plan.

b. Is the site or affected geographic area currently served by public transit? If so, generally describe. If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop? <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

The proposed site is approximately 1/3 of a mile from the Skagit Public Transit Station.

c. How many additional parking spaces would the completed project or non-project proposal have? How many would the project or proposal eliminate? <a href="[help]">[help]</a>

The proposed project would not eliminate any existing parking spaces nor would it create additional parking. This proposal is to replace an existing building.

d. Will the proposal require any new or improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian, bicycle or state transportation facilities, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private). [help]

The proposed project would not require any improvements to existing roads, streets, pedestrian bicycle or state transportation facilities.

e. Will the project or proposal use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe. [help]

This project sits approximately 1/3 of a mile from the Rail, the Skagit Station.

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project or proposal? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur and what percentage of the volume would be trucks (such as commercial and nonpassenger vehicles). What data or transportation models were used to make these estimates? [help]

This project does not anticipate creating additional trips as current employees would be working in this building as well.

- g. Will the proposal interfere with, affect or be affected by the movement of agricultural and forest products on roads or streets in the area? If so, generally describe.

  No.
- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any: [help]

This project does not impact transportation services.

#### 15. Public services

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, public transit, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe. [help]

The proposed project is a replacement building, so the existing demand on public services should remain the same with the proposed building.

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any. [help]

There are no measures to reduce or control impacts on public services as this project does not have an impact on those services.

#### 16. Utilities

a.	Circle utilities currently available at the site: [help]
	electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system,
	other

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed. [help]

PSE (electric), CNG (natural gas), City of Mount Vernon PUD (water, sewer, garbage), Comcast (cable, internet, phone). These utilities exist on site currently.

# C. SIGNATURE [HELP]

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision. Under penalty of perjury I swear that all information provided is true and correct.

Signature:	dullen	<u> </u>
Name of signee <sub>-</sub>	Mike Underwood	d, AIA
Position and Age	ncy/Organization	Underwood & Associates, LLC - Principal, Owne
Date Submitted:	9/30/2016	

